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Is Nixon Planning To Negotiate Peace Or An Indefinite U.S. Protectorate In Vietnam?

"Nixon's campaign headquarters Nov. 3 announced Nixon hoped to be spending $87 billion on defense by the fourth year of his Administration. Aides said this figure, which assumed a Vietnam peace, included $10 to $15 billion for rebuilding and *policing* Vietnam . . ." (Italics added).
—Congressional Quarterly, *Defense Outlook, Dec. 6.*

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Happy Days Ahead for the Pentagon

Two days before Nixon was to unveil his Cabinet, the shape of things to come was pretty well prefigured by the news that Senator Jackson was his first choice for Secretary of Defense and that Congressman Melvin Laird will have the job Jackson turned down. These are not the choices of a President-Elect hell-bent for General and Complete Disarmament. The voluble Jackson is the most faithful purveyor on Capitol Hill of the arms lobby's most melodramatic alarums. He would have provided a "liberal", Democratic and bi-partisan coverup for higher arms spending, and a way to divert fire from Nixon as this cut into welfare expenditures. Perhaps the reason Jackson turned the job down lies in Nixon's November 2 promise at the General Dynamics plant in Fort Worth to make that billion dollar bust, the TFX-F111, "one of the foundations of our air supremacy." It would be embarrassing to Jackson to fulfill this pledge to perpetuate McNamara's greatest procurement blunder when Jackson on the McClellan committee was a prime mover in the TFX investigation, and fought to get the contract for Boeing. At a time when the demand for cancellation of the F-111 contract is rising in the Senate and the McClellan committee is preparing to resume its investigation, it would have lookd too unprincipled suddenly to turn up on the other side.*

A Wide Variety Of Gaps

In Melvin Laird, Nixon has chosen a troglodyte Republican for the Pentagon post. This small town mid-Western lumber merchant has been an able and hard-working Congressman, and is ranking Republican on both the defense and HEW subcommittees of Appropriations, where his twin passions might be summed up as more money for defense and less for welfare. This may prove a succinct preview of the Nixon years. Ideologically he belongs to the dogmatist wing of the Party, clinging with fundamentalist passion to a simple faith in free enterprise. Like Nixon he is a leading Gapper. Nixon raised the Security Gap, the Research Gap and the Submarine Gap in the campaign. Laird in 1962 published a book "A House Divided: America's Strategy Gap." We have been unable to locate a copy and can note only that it was published by Henry Regnery of Chicago, a firm which specializes in the kind of political pornography designed to stimulate tired blood on the aging far right.

*** For a detailed account see my twin articles on Nixon and The Arms Race, and on Gilpatric and General Dynamics in the next (Jan. 2) issue of the New York Review of Books.**

As Seen From The Arms and Space Industries

"Appointments of Harvard Prof. Henry A. Kissinger as chief national security adviser to President-elect Nixon portends a highly pragmatic approach to Soviet-U.S. relations, with less emphasis on 'good relations' between East and West. A non-ideological analyst, Kissinger favors tacit international arrangements that can operate even in the absence of the good will of the participants. He is distrustful of arms limitation treaties and views credibly invulnerable offensive forces as the most effective deterrent to nuclear war. He once said about summit conferences: 'Negotiations are important. But it is essential to conduct them without illusions . . . We do ourselves an injustice if we make an issue of the desirability of relaxing tensions or of ending the Cold War. . . .'

"National Aeronautics and Space Administration, industry and academic circles are pleased with Nixon's appointment of Lee A. DuBridge, president of California Institute of Technology, as his top science adviser. Although a decade ago he denounced the entire space program as a 'boondoggle', DuBridge has since become one of its firm supporters. He favors unmanned space exploration, but is considered sufficiently perceptive politically to give the manned program more than his token support." [Men in space is a military objective]. Emphasis in original.
—Aviation Week and Space Technology, *Dec. 9.*

Clutchers after straws are saying that Laird, unlike Jackson, is at least a fiscal conservative, but he is unlikely to rein in the military until their demands are really astronomical. Another straw is that while a hard-liner on Vietnam, he has come around to seeing the necessity for getting out. Last July he told the Republican platform committee that the U.S. was in a position "where the only route open . . . is in negotiation" and wanted the party to exploit the peace issue by declaring that a negotiated settlement could only be reached by a Republican Administration "unhampered by the mistakes" of the past. One of these, in Laird's opinion, was not hitting the North sooner and harder. His appointment may lengthen the talks and the war by encouraging Ky to play tough in Paris since Laird in the past has opposed any kind of coalition regime in Saigon. If Nixon now puts Henry Cabot Lodge, Ky's political though out of wedlock papa, in charge of the negotiations, the talks might easily last until the 1972 campaign.

Evans and Novak, who are close to Laird, were given a

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Wealthy Farmers Feed at The Public Trough But Oppose Aid To The Rural Poor

Is It Subversive to Expose the Facts of Hunger in Rich America?

NEW KIND OF SUBVERSION: Robert C. Maynard and George Lardner, Jr., in an exclusive *Washington Post* story Dec. 8 revealed that the House Agricultural Appropriations subcommittee is using the FBI men routinely assigned it to investigate the "objectivity" of organizations which earlier this year reported widespread hunger in the United States. The chairman of the subcommittee is Jamie L. Whitten whose district includes Marks, Miss., whence the Poor Peoples Campaign was launched last spring. Whitten admitted to these reporters that he had sent complaints to the FCC about the CBS show "Hunger in America" even before it was televised last May 21, and got part of its footage deleted. FCC investigators are also questioning participants in this program. We hope CBS will counter with a new TV show "Is it subversive to mention hunger in America?"

Rich Farmers On Relief

ONLY TO THEM THAT HATH: Madera in California is one of the richest farm counties in the nation but, or because of this, it has the highest concentration of poor families (29.8%) in that State. Its growers in 1966 received more than $3 million in Federal farm subsidies. An opinion survey by the Office of Economic Opportunity, however, found them overwhelmingly hostile to Federal aid for the poor. The *National Catholic Reporter* (Dec. 4) says the vote was 81% opposed, only 13% in favor, of a guaranteed annual income. Their own annual Federal subsidies to guarantee *their* incomes ranged from a low of $5,000 in 1966 to a high of $133,555.

TYPICAL U.S. MILITARY PROPAGANDA: Our military hate truces of any kind. Every time we have one they get busy padding out figures on violations. In this familiar pattern was a Saigon dispatch on the AP ticker Dec. 7 in which the U.S. command spokesman said U.S. reconnaissance had uncovered "at least 461 indications of enemy activity" in the demilitarized zone since the bombing of North Vietnam stopped on Nov. 1, though only 36 (or less than 8%) were termed "significant." Apparently we retaliated against many insignificant something-or-other because the briefing officer said only 128 of the indications were serious enough to warrant retaliatory fire from U.S. planes, artillery and warships. So if you deduct the 36 cases the military call "significant" from this 128, it would appear that 92 cases, though not "significant" were serious enough for counter-fire. What kind of special dictionary does the U.S. command use? Note that it does not claim these were hostile incidents, but only "indications of enemy activity". What activity? Mere movement? Some might-be Viet Cong caught on our radar going to the outhouse at night? Or a peasant in the open who looks suspicious?

THE BUREAU OF MINES AND MINE DISASTERS: Congressman Hechler of West Virginia in a statement on the Farmington mine disaster revealed and protested the practice by which the Bureau of Mines allows the coal companies and the unions "to revise advance drafts" of the reports it makes in mine accidents. He also criticizes Mine Bureau inspectors who tip off the companies in advance of inspections. He proposes that Federal safety law enforcement be shifted to the Department of Labor. Interior over the years has grown to be a faithful tool of the private interests it is supposed to regulate, and the United Mine Workers top leadership is as complacent as the Bureau about these recurring disasters.

ONE OF THE GREATEST HISTORIANS OF MODERN GREECE, Tassos Vournas, editor of an underground paper during the German occupation, was arrested by the military junta last year and sent first to the waterless prison isle of Yiaros and then to the prison isle of Leros. He has TB, is seriously ill and in need of an operation, according to the New York Greek weekly *Campana*. He may die unless transferred to some place where hospital facilities are available. You may be able to help by writing in protest to the Greek Embassy in Washington, with copies to the State Department.

Discreet Message to Ky in Paris

"A message for the Vietnamese (Asian) community:
PEACE IN VIETNAM

"Let Us Hope So. But Yes or No, Is Your Financial Future Secure?—Can You Invest Your Savings In A Secure, Tangible, High Yield Commodity In The Utmost Confidence and in Complete Anonymity?

"I am an investment SPECIALIST, a senior executive with an international firm, who has recently returned from over a year in the Far East, including many months in your country. I am returning shortly VIA NEW YORK.

At this time I have an interesting first offer, available now for YOU ONLY, with almost unlimited investment opportunity and extraordinary benefits. Other Southeast Asian Investors have seen fit to substantially invest in this manner with COMPLETE DISCRETION ASSURED. I am now in Paris and a personal appointment can be arranged."

—Adv. in the Paris Herald-Tribune *Nov. 28*

Chicago Journalism Review Charges Censorship To Protect Chicago Police

City News Bureau in Chicago shapes much of that city's news. It is cooperatively owned to cover political and crime news for press, radio and TV. The enterprising and peppy Chicago Journalism Review in its second issue (Dec. 6) carries a story by Frank Joseph, former night city editor of the AP's Chicago Bureau and himself a City News alumnus in which he charges the Bureau censored and doctored the reports it gave the National Commission on Violence about the Democratic convention disorders. These reports were requested by Daniel Walker.

Walker asked for eye-witnesses accounts by Bureau employees who had seen acts of disorder or violence. Mr. Joseph charges in one case that the Bureau management cut a reporter's description "of how a police commander had threatened him" and of a police attack on a photographer in which "the policeman halted, calmly kicked the photographer in the groin and walked on." The bureau executive who did the censoring said, "We have to work with the police."

The Chicago Journalism Review study charges that by such tactics young reporters are "being taught to lie—to string along with the cops."

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Chicago Hearings Showed How Obsolete This Communist-Oriented Circus Has Become

Now's the Time to Press Your Congressman to Abolish HUAC

THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE never showed itself more inane, boringly repetitious and obsolete than in its hearings on the Chicago convention disorders. It grew up with the Communist party, got many of its staff and informers from it, and is as unable as the aging party itself to adjust to a new world of radical movements which not only draw no inspiration or money from Moscow, but are hostile to it. In the Committee's heyday it was enough to link a witness through some mention in the *Daily Worker* with a Communist organization. That not only clinched it with the public but struck terror into the witness, for it was then indeed enough to cost him his job and reputation. Nothing more vividly demonstrated the change than when Committee counsel in the Chicago hearings began grilling Tom Hayden of the New Left about his role in the book, *Mission to Hanoi*. Hayden interjected loudly, "Oh, you mean that book by Communist party theoretician Herbert Aptheker." It was like the exorcising of a ghost. From then on Hayden was the hunter, the Committee the hunted. When asked just what is your business, Hayden replied "To put you and your committee out of business."

Are Snake Dances Un-American?

HUAC's acting chairman Richard Ichord (D. Mo) said he was particularly interested in where peace groups got their money. "I don't see," he said, "how many of these individuals live." He doesn't seem to realize on how little those devoted to peace and racial justice can get along on. He is looking for gold-from-Moscow. HUAC's counsel, Frank Conley, tried by prolonged cross-examination of Rennie Davis to probe the mysteries of the National Mobilization Committee's finances. Davis estimated that it had spent about $15,000 from January to August, when its staff numbered over 200 people. Ichord said that "sounds like a lot of money." HUAC spends $375,000 a year on much less. David Dellinger was led into a similar maze of futile questions about the leases and sub-leases at 5 Beekman Street, the pacifist center in New York. When this failed to turn up much, the Committee explored—at length—whether the Yippie-practiced Japanese snake dance was "offensive" or "defensive" in nature.

When Congress opens in January a new battle will be joined to end HUAC's existence. Ichord has a bill ready to convert it into a Committee on Internal Security; this will only give this worm-eaten Inquisition a new name and cover.

HUAC Finally Uncovers A Real Dupe

Mr. [Frank] CONLEY [HUAC Counsel]: Did you not sign up as a delegate to attend the Soviet-controlled Communist World Youth Festival held in Helsinki, Finland in 1962?

Mr. [Tom] HAYDEN: I'm glad you brought that up.

Mr. CONLEY: Remember, all I have asked you is did you sign up.

Mr. HAYDEN: Just read it again. That is beautiful.

Mr. CONLEY: Did you sign up to make that trip?

Mr. HAYDEN: Say the whole question as you said it.

Mr. CONLEY: Did you not sign up as a delegate to attend the Soviet-controlled Communist World Youth Festival held in Helsinki, Finland in 1962?

Mr. HAYDEN: This is an occasion where I was a dupe of the CIA which controlled the National Student Association at the time. I was enticed by them to go to Helsinki as part of a little anti-Communist group that would try to make trouble for the Communists . . . Only at the last moment other problems here in this country prevented me from going. But I was going to carry Old Glory right into the heart of Communism at that time . . . I signed up to go as sort of a Radio Free America, or whatever we thought we were doing . . . I was a member of the group of Americans who were going to put out a little newspaper to tell the truth to all the Communists . . .

—From HUAC's Hearings on Chicago, Dec. 2.

Now is the time to ask your Congressmen to join in the battle to abolish HUAC altogether. At the opening of the last Congress 33 members—29 Democrats including Holifield of California and 4 Republicans including Ogden Reid of New York—put in almost identical resolutions embodying the recommendations set forth some years ago by 100 authorities on U.S. Constitutional law led by Prof. Thomas I. Emerson of Yale. The resolutions would transfer authority to the Judiciary committee but limit its jurisdiction to "overt acts" and sabotage, eliminating inquisition into ideas. The files of HUAC have become an enormous cesspool of unproven allegation from which people can be smeared and blacklisted without their even being aware. Any right-wing kook has access to them. Holifield's resolution and almost all the rest would have transferred these files to National Archives with the instruction that they not be opened for "official or public" inspection. HUAC has been in an advanced stage of decomposition for years. Now is the time to bury it.

That Red Juvenile Delinquent Under the Bed Might Turn Out To Be Watson's Own•

Rep. WATSON [R-S.C.]: One final question. You state that the Government and the American people—the old fuddy-duddys as I and others, were unresponsive to the young. You made that statement.

Mr. [Rennie] DAVIS: There are some young people that are growing up like you.

Rep. WATSON: Do you speak for all young Americans?

Mr. DAVIS: No, I speak for myself.

Rep. WATSON: The record should show you represent only a small fraction of America.

Mr. DAVIS: Mr. Watson, you had better watch out.

Rep. WATSON: What are you going to do?

Mr. DAVIS: If you have children—

Rep. WATSON: I have three children. I assure you I will teach them responsibility and not irresponsibility.

Mr. DAVIS: And you keep that up, Mr. Watson, and right in your own house there will be trouble . . . We do not claim to speak for or represent all young people in the United States, but we do say that there are many people who more and more understand that it is people like you that are destroying America and the hope of America is in the people who will stand up to people like you and make it right.

—From HUAC's hearings on Chicago, Dec. 3.

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The Two Cold War Pundits Who Will Fill The Rostow Gap

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scoop on the appointment in their column (Dec. 9) and repaid the news beat by portraying Laird as practically, though only in private, a liberal, albeit not flaming. Their most diverting encomium must have surprised Laird himself. After admitting that Laird had no administrative experience for "one of the world's toughest administrative positions" they reported that "Gov. Rockefeller (who wanted the job himself) advised Nixon in Palm Springs last week that a McNamara-type administrator would be a mistake in the Pentagon today and what was needed was a student and practitioner of geopolitics." In Laird, they concluded, "Nixon has exactly what Rockefeller recommended." Laird must have been as suprised to be described as a geopolitician as Babbitt would have been if hailed as a Guru. But Rockefeller's meaning is clear enough. "No McNamara-type" translates as fewer inhibitions on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and "geopolitics" (how Hitler loved Haushofer, too!) means to be prone to those global nightmares so conducive to the propagation of ever larger military budgets.

A Horatio Alger Character

Laird is a consolation prize for Rockefeller. In 1960 Laird pushed through the Republican convention that Nixon-Rockefeller "compromise" plank on defense which suggested to Eisenhower's displeasure that he was not spending enough on the Pentagon. Another consolation is the appointment of Henry A. Kissinger as Nixon's Walt Rostow. Professor Kissinger's career has been described as a Horatio Alger story; an ultra-bright German Jewish refugee boy who became Rockefellow's house intellectual certainly has a sharp eye for the right little girls to save from the right runaway horses. In the late 1950s he put into literate form the Rockefeller Brothers Fund blueprint for higher military spending and a wider variety of arms, including the small and clean tactical nuclear, for flexible response in brushfire fires on the periphery of the American empire in the nuclear age: like Vietnam. He is a smooth and flexible fellow, an ambidextrous academician, who will give Nixon what he wants, and make it sound intellectually respectable. Kissinger's deputy will be Richard V. Allen, who directed foreign affairs research for Nixon during the campaign, a contributor to Buckley's *National Review* and a favorite strategist of Young Americans For Freedom. His training as a cold war Clausewitz began at the Georgetown Center for Strategic Studies, which Admiral Arleigh Burke helps direct in right-thinking.* Allen is now on leave from the comparable Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace which long ago got the goods on Vladimir Ilyich. Together Allen and Kissinger should easily fill the Rostow gap.

We can only conclude by suggesting, at the risk of getting into trouble with the SEC, that this is a good time to buy stock in the military-industrial complex. *Dec. 9*

Why Nixon Will "Root Out" The Whiz Kids

"The hard truth is this: The present state of our defenses is too close to peril point, and our future prospects are in some respects downright alarming."

—Nixon's "Security Gap" speech over CBS Oct. 24

Q. If cost limitations were removed, what would be your primary recommendations for improving defense capability—nuclear or otherwise?

A. . . . If what you mean is: 'Could the security of the United States be significantly enhanced by our spending, say, an additional $10 billion a year', I would say that in my judgment the answer is no. We are spending all that we need to spend to do what military power can do.

—Questions submitted by Senator Strom Thurmond a U.S. Army Reserve Major General, to Dr. Alain C. Enthoven, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Analysis, in Part I, p. 161, Status of U.S. Strategic Power, hearings held earlier this year by the Senate's Preparedness subcommittee. The systems analysts are the so-called "whiz-kids" Nixon pledged himself in that same Security Gap speech to "root out" of the Pentagon.

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